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PRESCOTT, ARIZONA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 17, 1908.

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR.

OFFICIAL COUNT GIVES HERNDON AND ROSS MINUTE MAJORITIES

COURT CONTEST MAY REVERSE BOTH THESE RESULTS

Meanwhile Herndon Is Winner by 25 Votes And Ross By 6 Tallies

OTHER WINNERS UNAFFECTED BY CANVASS

EXAMINATION DISCLOSES MANY FOREST AND REILLY VOTES WERE REJECTED YET VALID

According to the official canvass which was commenced and completed yesterday by the Board of Supervisors, A. J. Herndon is elected treasurer by a plurality of 25 votes and H. D. Ross is elected district attorney by a margin of six votes.

The result is likely to be changed, however, in each case, in the event that a contest is instituted, as it was evident yesterday from an examination of the rejected ballots in a number of precincts, that enough valid ballots were thrown out to have elected Mr. Forest.

There was a large crowd present when the supervisors started the official canvass. Homer Wood was watching the proceedings in behalf of Herndon, Attorney Ross was looking after his own interests, Attorney General Clark represented the Republican candidates, and J. H. Robinson, chairman of the Democratic central committee, kept an eagle eye on the count in behalf of his ticket.

The first precinct opened was that of Upper Agua Fria, where Wade gained 1. Then came Ash Fork, the ballots and returns from which were all sealed together in one envelope. Robinson objected to opening these and before the board took action, Clark ordered Judge Sloan and District Attorney Morrison, who agreed that the supervisors had a right to open the envelope and count the returns unless they had good reason to believe that fraud had been committed. This did not satisfy Robinson, who concluded that he would consult Judge Sloan. When he returned he consented to the opening of the envelope provided that the board at once placed the ballots in a sealed envelope and certify on the face thereof to the proceedings. Why Robinson should want Ash Fork to be a mystery, as it is a Democratic precinct. Not to have canvassed the returns would have defeated Forest and knocked out the 18 plurality of Herndon in that precinct, while it would not have materially affected any other candidate. However, when the returns were opened and canvassed, Herndon lost 5 votes there. Reilly gained 2 votes at Childs, and Herndon lost 3 at Granite Mountain. Both Reilly and Herndon lost 3 votes each at Groom Creek and when the board adjourned at noon, Herndon's plurality had dropped from 30 to 20. At the afternoon Herndon gained 8 at Massicks, and lost 1 at Middle Verde, while Reilly gained one each at Middle Verde and Walnut Grove. The net result was that Herndon had a plurality of 25.

Ross started the day with 3 plurality. He gained 3 at Beaver Creek, which was offset by 3 that Forest obtained at Massicks. Ross gained 5 at Prescott south precinct and Forest gained 1 in Middle Verde. The net result was a plurality of 6 for Ross. There were small losses and gains by other candidates, but not enough to affect the result.

The total vote was as follows:

Alfred H. Cameron (R)	1532
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DEFEATED LITIGANT WORKS HAVOC IN COURT WITH REVOLVER

DRAWN REVOLVER AND BEGINS FUSILLADE ON JUDGE AND CLERK, KILLING LATTER

By Associated Press.
LEIPSI, Nov. 16.—A defeated litigant in the supreme civil tribunal of Leipzig today drew a revolver and opened fire on Herr Maenner, presiding judge, and the court clerk.

The clerk shot is dead, and the judge dangerously wounded. The assassin was named Grosser, and suicided after firing ten shots before he was overpowered.

POSTHUMOUS CHILD BORN.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—A cablegram from Theodore P. Shorts from Paris today announced a son had been born to his daughter, Duchess DeChaulnes.

COPPER MARKET.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Copper, lake 14 1/4 @ 14 1/2; electrolytic, 14 1/4 @ 14 1/2; casting, 14 @ 14 1/4.

SUGAR MAY GO ON TARIFF'S FREE LIST

COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND THAT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SUGAR BE LET IN FREE

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Allegations that the so-called Sugar Trust controls the price paid to growers and the price charged to the consumer, the secretary of war putting himself on record as a champion of the free entry of Philippine sugar, and a general "stand pat" attitude of beet sugar growers who appeared before the ways and means committee of the house, were the features of today's hearing of the revision of the tariff as it affects sugar.

Wright said the production of sugar in the Philippines would not affect the demand in this country, as it could not supply the yearly increase of the demand.

Chairman Payne indicated the possible action of the committee would be to recommend a certain amount of sugar should be admitted free each year, and the present tariff would be imposed on any amounts above that amount.

Wright said the productions of the sugar islands would not increase to any extent.

Treasurer.

A. J. Herndon (D)	1422
John S. Reilly (R)	1397
Herndon's plurality, 25.	
Marcus A. Smith (D)	1326
Joseph D. Cannon (S)	332
William B. Cleary (I)	18
J. W. Stewart (S.L.)	14
R. Roy Sibley (Pro)	23
Cameron's plurality, 206.	

Councilman.

M. G. Burns (D)	1380
Geo. U. Young (R)	1338
Ed. Miller (S)	356

Representatives.

George D. Morris (D)	1445
Gorham A. Bray (R)	1367
Perry Hall (D)	1343
A. A. Moore (D)	1311
C. E. McKinley (R)	1251
Thos. J. Laird (R)	1249
Philip Haley (S)	353
E. E. Breed (S)	346
P. Murphy (S)	340

Sheriff.

Jas. W. Smith (R)	1390
Wm. M. Neagle (D)	1379
Jos. Bechtel (S)	293
Smith's plurality, 211.	

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LABOR LEADERS WOULD HIDE FUNDS

GOMPERS ASSERTS HE IS NOT A DEMOCRAT, HAS NEVER BEEN ONE AND NEVER WILL BE

By Associated Press.

DENVER, Nov. 16.—President Gompers, in the convention of the American Federation of Labor, today declared that if he was found guilty and fined in the contempt proceedings now pending against him in Washington he would go to jail before he would pay the fine, or allow the Federation to pay it for him.

The report of the committee on the treasurer's report brought on a political discussion, in which several members declared themselves in favor of the formation of an independent political party.

The committee recommended immediately following the adjournment of the convention an executive council to take up the proposition of placing the funds where they might be removed from the danger of attachment.

Treasurer Lennon said he had discussed the safeguarding of funds with attorneys, and all agreed that it was impossible without resorting sometime to perjury.

Some persons took the floor and made several suggestions, one that the funds be deposited in Canada, and another that certificates of deposit might be taken out in some other name than the treasurer's.

During the discussion of the labor position, Gompers declared:

"I do not love the Democratic party; second, I am not a Democrat, and third, I am confident I shall never be a Democrat. I owe allegiance to no party. I am a trade unionist. May trade unionists always be right, but, whether right or wrong, I am with the trades unionists."

The declaration received cheers.

FIRE MENACES COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

LOS ANGELES HAS DOWNTOWN CONFLAGRATION THAT DOES CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE

By Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, Nov. 16.—The overflowing of an oil heater caused a fire this afternoon that destroyed the entire interior of the Los Angeles Pacific Railway building, in West Fourth street, and for an hour threatened the Broadway Department Store, one of the largest retail business houses in the city.

During the progress of the fire the smoke drove hundreds of clerks from the store into the streets.

A score or more of women employees of the railway offices were rescued from the second and third story windows by firemen, and a boy driven to the roof was taken from there by the firefighters.

The Los Angeles Pacific Railway loss is \$75,000, and the Broadway department store was very large.

PRESIDENT WEATHER.
November 16
Reported Daily for the Journal-Miner by John W. Ffian, United States Weather Observer.
Maximum temperature 63; minimum 23; precipitation none.
Sunshine Maximum.

FUTURE OF CHINESE EMPIRE IS BLACK WITH VAGUE FOREBODINGS

BUSINESS MAN CONFESSES BIG STEALING

CHICAGO REAL ESTATE MAN ARRESTED, INDICTED AND CONVICTED UNDER FOUR HOURS

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Peter Van Vlissingen, a real estate dealer, for years classed among the first of Chicago's prosperous and reputable business men, confessed today of having obtained through forged deeds and notes more than \$700,000, a few hours after his arrest, and at his own urgent appeal will be punished and sentenced to the penitentiary. The arrest, indictment, confession and sentence occupied less than four hours.

Van Vlissingen, a venerable looking man, confessed that for eighteen to twenty years he had been obtaining money through the sale of forged documents, though he bought many forged documents without detection. At least twenty-five persons lose in aggregate more than \$700,000 through paper not yet redeemed. Throughout his arrest and sentence he made no effort at defense, only he requested that the punishment be speedy. The term is an indeterminate one, from one to fourteen years.

Vlissingen is forty-five years old, married, and a distant relative to the president.

The special charge leading to the arrest was made by two men who bought forged notes.

GOVERNOR HIGGINS MARRIES.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Nov. 16.—Only a small circle of relatives and intimate friends will be present at the St. Joseph Catholic church, when Governor James H. Higgins and Miss Ellen F. Maguire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Maguire, of this city, will be married tomorrow.

RUEF'S LAWYERS WANT CHANGE OF VENUE

FAMOUS TRIAL IS RESUMED WITH EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY OF POLICE, SHERIFFS AND GUARDS

By Associated Press.
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—With Judge Lawler's courtroom thronged with policemen, special detectives, deputy sheriffs, and other peace officers, while the streets about the building were guarded by mounted police, and many patrolmen, the trial of Abraham Ruef was resumed today.

As expected the defense asked for a change of venue, and presented a mass of papers to support the claim. Judge Lawler granted the prosecution a continuance in order to prepare counter affidavits.

Every passerby on the streets at the hour of the court arrived was subjected to close scrutiny, and no one was allowed to enter the court room without proving his right to do so.

ASHER BREAKS ANKLE.

Morris Asher, whose left ankle was broken by falling into a garage pit in Phoenix Saturday morning, is resting easy in his home in this city. The injured limb is in a plaster of paris cast. He arrived home on yesterday morning's train. When assisted from the Pullman he forgot to have the shoe of the lame foot removed from the car. The shoe was returned to him on the southbound train last night, having been carried to Ash Fork and back.

PROSECUTOR SCORES POINT IN MURDER TRIAL OF LAMPHERE

WITNESS PRODUCES LETTERS IN WHICH MRS. GUNNESS REFERS TO THE DEFENDANT

By Associated Press.

LA PORTE, Nov. 16.—Prosecutor Smith played another trump card today when with A. K. Heigelsin, of Aberdeen, S. D., on the stand he offered in evidence and read to the jury copies of three letters written by Mrs. Bella Gunness to the witness during March and April of this year in which she referred to "that crazy Lamphere."

JAP REVIEW POSTPONED.

KORE, Nov. 17.—The review of the Japanese navy by the Emperor, scheduled for today (Tuesday) for which thirty battleships and numerous torpedo boats have assembled in the harbor, is postponed.

SILVER MARKET.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Silver 50 1/2; Mexican dollars 45.

DOWAGER DEATH HITS TOKIO SECURITIES

IN CASE OF TROUBLE IN DEALING WITH CHINA JAPAN WILL LOOK TO US FOR ADVICE

By Associated Press.

TOKIO, Nov. 17.—Announcement made in Peking of the death of both the Emperor and the Dowager Empress caused a heavy fall in the stock market at Tokio, but official views are optimistic.

It is generally believed the Emperor died after the Dowager. Some papers express this opinion, and others assign sinister causes to the Emperor's death.

The semi-official Kokumin, in an editorial, says Japan's policy must be maintained by every means the status quo of China, with the adherence in concert of the powers.

Among well informed persons it is believed the Dowager has been dead at least many days.

The death of the Dowager before that of the Emperor would have left him free to advocate a revival of the reform movement which was drastically vetoed by her; therefore the Emperor's death is regarded opportune by conservatives.

There is every indication Japan is fully prepared for eventualities in China should a repetition of history occur, but it is believed she expects the advice and co-operation of America.

BALLOON SAILS EASTWARD

Aircraft Sighted at Barstow Making Its Way Over Desert

SAN BERNARDINO, Nov. 16.—The balloon "United States" which ascended from Los Angeles at 12:30 o'clock today, was sighted above Squirrel Inn, on the top of San Bernardino Range, at 7:45 o'clock tonight.

It crossed the ridge at a point six thousand feet above the sea level, making good time in a northeasterly direction.

A telephone message from Seeley Flats, in the Summit mountains, says the balloon is on the desert above Victorville and Barstow, going east.

ROYALTY VISITS.

PORTSMOUTH, Nov. 16.—The king and queen of Sweden, come to England as the guests of King Edward, landed here this afternoon and took the train for Windsor.

NEWS OF DEATH OF EMPRESS DOWAGER SCARES

Poor People Frightened Start Panic With Run On Native Banks

FEAR REVOLUTIONISTS MAY MAKE AN OUTBREAK

PRINCE CHUN, REGENT, KEEPS SOLDIERY IN READINESS TO HOLD REFORMERS IN CHECK

By Associated Press.
PEKIN, Nov. 17.—China is beginning to realize the Emperor and Dowager Empress are dead.

Prince Chun, regent of the Empire, in fear of the increasing excitement and revolutionary movements, has taken a firm grip on affairs and adopted stringent measures that will result in maintenance of peace for a time at least.

At noon six thousand gendarmes guarded the streets with military forces held in readiness for any emergency. Every precaution was taken to prevent the recurrence of the revolutionary tactics of April and May, which were marked by widespread incendiarism.

The foreign legations are under guard of special detachments of Chinese troops keeping watch at all approaches. Any occurrences today may lead to a sinister aspect of affairs.

Rumors are current at the time that the new dowager, Ye Hon Ali, and Yuan Shi Kai, the grand councillor, one of the most powerful men of the empire, have committed suicide. Though there is no truth in these reports, they went far toward disturbing Chinese and foreigners alike.

Serious runs on the banks occurred yesterday and today, and fourteen native banks closed. The crowd was wild with excitement, and toward the close of the day the police intervened and drove them back. One foreign concern, the Yokohama Specie Bank, suffered a big run on Tein Tsai notes, but British, German and Russian institutions were not affected. It is probable a number of other native banks will close tomorrow and it is believed the government will step in and endeavor to stop the financial panic among the poor classes.

As yet the cause of the death of the Emperor or Dowager has not been made public. There is no reasonable evidence to show either death was not from natural causes.

The government entertains fears of Keli Ning Ting, reformers, who are reported to be assembling with a view of taking advantage of the disturbed condition.

There are reports of dissatisfaction among the adherents of half a dozen candidates for the throne. It is contended by some that the eldest Pu, that is Pu Lun, is the legitimate emperor, therefore the selection of Pu Yi is another of the Dowager's illegal acts.

It is the general belief that Pu Lun will eventually become president of the Board of Foreign Affairs.

The regent, although only twenty-six, is open minded and ready for reform, but is not considered a strong man.

Few rulers have passed away so generally hated and blasphemed as the Dowager. Rumors among revolutionists say some of their leaders are about to return to Peking.

Copies of the U. S. and Arizona mining laws, 25c, at office of the Journal-Miner.